

Municipal Police Training Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Western Mass Regional Police Academy
July 17, 2019

Call to Order

At 10:05 AM, Chairman Jim Hicks called the monthly meeting of the Municipal Police Training Committee to order, greeted all present, and asked the members and attendees to introduce themselves.

Attendees: Voting Members

Chairman Jim Hicks – Northeast Mass; Chief Brian Kyes – Mass Chiefs; Captain Phil Terenzi – Boston Police; Undersecretary Terrence Reidy – EOPSS; Superintendent Richard Sullivan – MBTA; Commandant Dan McGinn- MSP; Chief Tom O'Donnell – Central Mass; Scott Livingstone – Western Mass; and Joseph Vieira – MPA.

MPTC Staff

Sheila Gallagher, Denise Sarro, DoriAnn Ference, Joe Witkowski, Dan Zivkovich, and John Melander – EOPSS Legal

Guests

Joseph Cecchi, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Thomas Flynn, Tom Glynn, Peter Roddy, Phil Adams, Bob Frydryk

Review/Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Minutes for the June 21, 2019, meeting. The Motion was seconded and passed, with two abstentions.

Police Standards and Training

The following requests for temporary waivers and permanent exemptions were considered by the Committee:

Temporary Waivers:

Christopher L. Gustafson	Tyngsboro PD
Marc C. Holey	Nahant PD
Jacob Marini	Hadley PD

A motion was made to approve the three (3) temporary waivers as presented. There was a second and the Motion passed by unanimous voice.

Permanent Exemptions:

Kevin D. Langley	Weston PD (FL)
Anthony Millar	Tisbury PD (NH)

A motion was made to approve the two (2) permanent exemptions as presented. There was a second and the Motion passed by unanimous voice.

Disciplinary Hearing

There were no current disciplinary hearings.

Update on the 550 CMR 3.00

The next meeting to discuss updating the CMRs is scheduled for August 8, 2019.

Open Discussion:

Chief Livingstone advised he has been approached by some chiefs who have asked if the MPTC had considered using some of the Municipal Police Training Fund to offset the costs of unfunded training mandates experienced by smaller departments. ED Zivkovich said that had been discussed, even though all MPTC training is currently offered at no cost to the agency. No decisions have been made as to how the funds will be utilized, yet.

Executive Director Report

Recruit Officer Training Updates

Boston: Boston Police graduated 117 student officers on June 19, 2019. The next academy will begin on December 2, 2019.

Cambridge/Northeastern: A class of 28 students began on May 6, 2019 (20 municipals/8 campus). Graduation is scheduled for September 20, 2019.

Cape Cod: A class of 43 student officers began on July 8, 2019. There are 42 remaining.

FSU: There are currently 155 police students. The 2nd ROC began on May 20, 2019, with nine students. Graduation is scheduled for September 13, 2019.

Lowell: A class of 55 student officers began on May 20, 2019. Currently, 50 student officers remain and graduation is scheduled for October 18, 2019.

NECC: A class of 43 student officers began on May 28, 2019. There are 37 student officers remaining, and graduation is scheduled for November 22, 2019.

Plymouth: A class of 43 student officers remains, and graduation is scheduled for August 20, 2019. The next class will begin on October 14, 2019, and graduate on March 13, 2020.

Randolph: A class of 42 student officers graduated on June 28, 2019. The next class is scheduled to begin on September 9, 2019, and it is full.

Reading: A class of 45 student officers remains, and graduation is scheduled for August 13, 2019. The next academy will begin on November 4, 2019.

MSP/RTT: There were 171 recruit troopers that graduated on June 27, 2019.

Springfield: A class of 43 student officer remains, and graduation is planned for July 18, 2019.

Transit: A class of 45 student officers remains, and graduation is expected in September 25, 2019. The next class will begin on October 15, 2019.

WMASS: A class of 48 student officers began on June 10, 2019. Currently, 44 student officers remain, and graduation is scheduled for November 8, 2019.

Worcester: Worcester graduated 40 student officers on June 28, 2019, and they may partner with the National Guard to host a class of National Guard military police officers.

Boylston Academy

ED Zivkovich announced that the background check for the new academy director in Boylston has not been completed. The second question concerned the start date for the Boylston Academy. ED Zivkovich announced that it is likely the Boylston Academy will start in January 2020, and that the new academy director would shadow Lara Thomas.

The Committee also discussed the Southbridge Conference Center as a possible MPTC training facility for the Central Mass region. ED Zivkovich, Secretary Turco and a few others toured the location. Chief O'Donnell commented that the Southbridge site is a great location and has tremendous potential. Chief Kyes distributed a power point presentation regarding the site. There was discussion about adding an EVOC track and an indoor range. There is ample classroom space and a pool on site. Chief Kyes added that this would not replace the regional locations, which are critical for in-service training. Chief Hicks said he was concerned about the state leasing the facility rather than owning it. There was more discussion about the Southbridge site and possibly building a facility as well. ED Zivkovich said that the legislators were considering a public safety bond bill to fund public safety projects including MPTC.

Budget/ MPTC Fund

ED Zivkovich provided a proposal to the Secretary of EOPSS outlining potential ways to use the money collected from the two dollar rental car fee. Right now, there is over a million dollars in the fund. The money is collected quarterly and the amount of revenue collected for the second quarter should be available the first week of August 2019. Chief Kyes said that many companies were unaware of the need to collect the fee, and he anticipates the revenue from the second quarter to be higher. Since the budget has not been finalized, the legislators have discussed passing a resolution to continue the budget until August.

ED Zivkovich advised that in the proposed state budget, the two dollar rental car fee was not used to supplant MPTC's budget. The goal is that the state will fund the MPTC's operating budget and the rental car fee will pay for specialized trainings. ED Zivkovich told the Committee that he has created a list of priorities that he envisions for the MPTC. The University of Massachusetts in Lowell, plans to offer a specialized chiefs training. The training will model what Endicott College had previously rolled out. There was more discussion about how the money will be used. However, the

Committee will have to wait until the budget is finalized before they can prioritize the initiatives for the MPTC.

FY20 Training Update

Dori told the Committee that the police survival training for in-service is complete. Some chiefs have asked if they could provide additional input regarding veteran officers. Eric Astupenas will teach the administrative piece of the police survival training at the Chiefs Conference in September.

The Attorney General's Office is in the midst of drafting the animal cruelty program. Dori expects the material to be completed by August 2, 2019, since the first train-the-trainer is scheduled for August 14, 2019. Defensive tactics is almost finished, and Sheila Gallagher is working on legal updates.

Old Business

Reserve/Intermittent

Chairman Hicks is planning to offer summits throughout Massachusetts to discuss any potential changes for reserves. Right now there is no change to the status of reserves. Chief Kyes asked whether instructors in the reserve academy should begin using the new, recruit curriculum. ED Zivkovich told the Committee that instructors for the reserve academy do not have to use the new recruit curriculum for the reserves at this time, but the reserve recruit curriculum needs to be updated to mesh with the new curriculum.

Chiefs TY 2020

The Mass Chiefs are offering a training summit in lieu of in-service mandates for requirements for police chiefs for TY 2020. Many of the presenters attending the chiefs' conference in September are guest speakers. Chief Hicks said the Committee cannot mandate training for police chiefs if it cannot be duplicated. If a police chief is unable to attend the conference, they are not required to attend an alternative session. The conference will include segments on animal cruelty, legal update, media relations and the administrative piece of dealing with police suicide.

New Business

Selection of the Executive Director

Chief Hicks announced that ED Zivkovich is retiring on July 27, 2019 and that today was his last Committee meeting. Pursuant to G.L. C. 6 §116, the Committee will recommend to the Secretary of EOPSS who should be the Executive Director. There is a selection process in place. For now, Chief Robert Ferullo will serve as the interim Executive Director. Chief Hicks mentioned that the Secretary will be meeting Chief Ferullo tomorrow to determine when his appointment will be effective.

The Western Mass chiefs presented ED Zivkovich with a rocking chair as a parting gift and thanked him for his service. Chief Hicks also thanked ED Zivkovich for his accomplishments during his tenure at the MPTC.

ED Zivkovich reflected on his time with the MPTC and said it has been a privilege to work with the Committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **August 21, 2019**, at the MPTC Headquarters in Randolph.

Adjournment

At 11:41 AM, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice.